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6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**
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9 Daniel Barsanti, et al.,

10 Plaintiffs,

11 v.

12 Cameron DeLoach, et al.,

13 Defendants.
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No. CV-25-00303-PHX-KML

ORDER

15 The amended complaint alleges the court “has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant
16 to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a), as there is diversity between the parties and the amount in
17 controversy exceeds \$75,000.” (Doc. 44 at 3.) The complaint also alleges plaintiff Darren
18 Lawhorn “is an individual residing in Maricopa County, State of Arizona” while defendant
19 Nathan Butterfield is “an individual residing in the State of Arizona.” (Doc. 44 at 2.)
20 Butterfield’s answer admits these allegations. (Doc. 48 at 2.) It appears there is not
21 complete diversity of citizenship, and the parties must file a supplement identifying their
22 citizenships. *See Royal Canin U. S. A., Inc. v. Wullschleger*, 604 U.S. 22, 32–33 (2025)
23 (“when the plaintiff in an original case amends her complaint to withdraw the federal
24 claims, leaving only state claims behind, she divests the federal court of adjudicatory
25 power”).

26 The complaint also names as defendants various limited liability companies but does
27 not properly identify the citizenships of those companies. *See Johnson v. Columbia*
28 *Properties Anchorage, LP*, 437 F.3d 894, 899 (9th Cir. 2006) (a limited liability company

1 is “a citizen of every state of which its owners/members are citizens”). For purposes of
2 diversity jurisdiction, ownership of a limited liability company must be “traced through as
3 many levels as necessary until reaching a natural person or a corporation.” *City of E. St.*
4 *Louis, Illinois v. Netflix, Inc.*, 83 F.4th 1066, 1070 (7th Cir. 2023).

5 Counsel for former plaintiff Bradley Vargas have moved to withdraw. (Doc. 49.)
6 Vargas was not identified as a plaintiff in the complaint filed on April 18, 2025, and he
7 was terminated from this action as a result. (Doc. 44.) The motion to withdraw is denied as
8 moot.

9 Accordingly,

10 **IT IS ORDERED** no later than **May 22, 2025**, the parties shall file a joint statement
11 setting forth the citizenship of each party. For the limited liability companies, the joint
12 statement must identify each owner or member until the citizenship of a natural person or
13 corporation is identified.

14 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** the Motion to Withdraw (Doc. 49) is **DENIED AS**
15 **MOOT**.

16 Dated this 19th day of May, 2025.

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20 **Honorable Krissa M. Lanham**
21 **United States District Judge**
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